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Peace, security and reunification on the Korean peninsula

Letter dated 10 August 2001 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to request, pursuant to rule 14 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the inclusion of a supplementary item in the agenda of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly, entitled "Peace, security and reunification on the Korean peninsula". I recommend that the matter be considered directly in the plenary meeting during the main part of the fifty-sixth session.

Pursuant to rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, this request is accompanied by an explanatory memorandum (see annex).

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Annex

Explanatory memorandum

The historic inter-Korean summit meeting held in Pyongyang in June 2000 and the announcement of the Joint Declaration, the first of its kind since the division of the peninsula more than half a century ago, represented a major breakthrough in inter-Korean relations. Since the summit meeting, both sides have engaged in a number of exchanges and cooperative efforts for peace and stability on the peninsula and, at the fifty-fifth session of the United Nations General Assembly, the Assembly adopted a resolution entitled "Peace, security and reunification on the Korean peninsula" (resolution 55/11 of 31 October 2000), welcoming and encouraging the peace and reconciliation process on the peninsula.

Recognizing the commitment of both sides to the implementation of the inter-Korean agreements and the continued interest of Member States in furthering the peace process, I hope that the General Assembly will reaffirm its support for the smooth implementation of the Joint Declaration and other agreements between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea. In this context, I request the inclusion of a supplementary item, entitled "Peace, security and reunification on the Korean peninsula", in the agenda of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly. In view of the nature of the item, it is requested that it be considered in the plenary meeting.